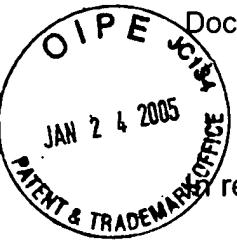


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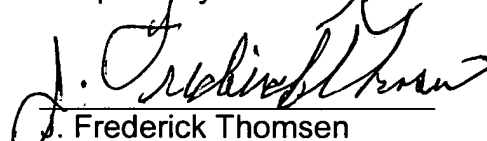
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The Commissioner also is authorized to charge the fee required for such an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 05-0221.

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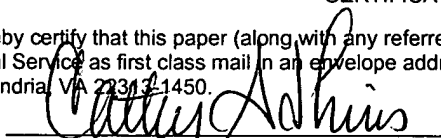

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